

Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-8 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-8 are rejected. By this amendment, Claim 1 has been amended and Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-4 and 5-8 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112

Claim 5 has been canceled. Thus, the rejection under 35 USC 112 second paragraph is moot.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102 and 103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 102(b) as being anticipated by Bostrom et al. (US Patent 5,856,632). Applicants respectfully maintain that Bostrom does not teach the invention of amended Claim 1 for the reasons previously advance. Specifically the filler panel body 202 of Claim 1 and the card cage shielding contactor 140 are not equivalent. In stead, the blank circuit card bracket 14 (col. 3, lines 4-9) of Bostrom is equivalent to the filler panel body 202 of the Claim 1. The lead-in flap 82 of the contactor 40 is not rigidly coupled to the blank circuit card bracket 14 in Bostrom. According to the limitations in Claim 1 of the present invention, the locating element 208 is rigidly coupled directly to the filler panel body 202.

In addition, those skilled in the art would appreciate that the lead-in flap 82 of Bostrom actually increases interference generating movement of circuit card brackets 14 and blank circuit card brackets 14. The lead-in flap 82 as taught by Bostrom facilitates insertion of the tab 24 of the

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circuit card bracket 14 into the corresponding slot 26 of the computer chassis 20 by avoiding any hang-up of the tab 24 of the circuit card bracket 14 on the card cage shielding contactor 40 during mounting of the circuit card bracket 14 on the computer chassis 20 (col. 5, lines 2-9). Thus, contrary to the Examiner's arguments, Bostrom does not teach how the lead-in flap 82 prevents movement of the card cage shielding contactor 40 and/or the circuit card brackets 14 and/or blank circuit card brackets 14. Instead, both the circuit card bracket 14 and the card cage shielding contact 40 can both move relative to the computer chassis 20 thereby doubling the possible amount of interference generating movement.

For the above-stated reasons, Bostrom clearly does not teach or suggest the present invention as claimed in amended Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2-3 and 6-8 are also rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bostrom. Claims 2-8 are dependent upon independent Claim 1 and incorporate all the limitations thereof. Thus, Claims 2-3 and 6-8 are allowable for the reasons advanced with respect to Claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious in view of Bostrom. Claim 4 is dependent upon independent Claim 1 and incorporates all the limitations thereof. Thus, Claim 4 is allowable for the reasons advanced with respect to Claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0085. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,

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